



Spokane Tribe Education Department

HIGHER EDUCATION/AVT APPLICATION 2015-2016

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I THINK I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

Below is a *generalized* check off list to aid you in your college pursuit. Keep in mind this is generalized and should you have further questions, or need clarification, do not hesitate to contact me at 509-458-8005 or brea.franco@spokanetribe.com.

GENERAL CHECK OFF LIST FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

	Research careers using the Occupational Outlook Handbook, visit http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ or the Dept. of Labor's career search, visit http://www.mynextmove.org/
	Find a school (College Navigator - http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/)
	Apply to your school of choice and adhere to their Admissions protocol, etc.
	FAFSA (<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i>), visit www.fafsa.gov
	Apply for a PIN, visit www.fafsa.gov
	Obtain your 2014 tax return, if you have not completed them, you can use 2013 taxes & make corrections later.
	Students under the age of 24, unmarried, non-military, no dependents - you will need your parents' tax information. For more info, visit www.studentaid.gov/dependency
	Complete your FAFSA
	You can complete your FAFSA as soon as January 1st. WA state is first-come, first-serve, apply early!
	Inquire with your school about their FAFSA deadline, this can be different than the state deadline. Also, verify with your school on their definition of an "application deadline" - is it the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA was processed.
	Upon completion of your FAFSA, you should receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) within three days to three weeks. Any necessary corrections should be made asap.
	Find/gather your HS Diploma, GED, or College Transcripts (whichever is applicable)
	Obtain, complete, and submit the Higher Education/AVT Application and required documents
	Ask employer if they have any assistance available
	Search for scholarships - below are some to get you started:
	The American Indian College Fund, visit CollegeFund.org
	Catching the Dream, visit CatchingtheDream.org
	The Association on American Indian Affairs, visit Indian-Affairs.org
	Indian Health Service Health Scholarship Grants, visit www.scholarship.ih.gov
	Native Ways Federation, visit www.nativewaysfederation.org
	American Indian Graduate Center, visit www.aigc.com
	National Indian Education Association, visit www.niea.org
	American Indian Education Foundation, visit www.aiefprograms.org
	<u>Scholarship Search Engines:</u>
	www.scholarships.com
	www.kaarme.com
	www.fastweb.com
TID BIT TIP	Get to know your financial aid staff at your school & if they request any additional documents make this your priority. Delays in FA papers requested will delay your funding. Keep in mind they deal with a very high volume of students; additionally, one document request can lead to another, etc. Do not expect an expeditious turn around with your FA Office. They have established work days for task items that most likely will not coincide with your schedule. Overall - anything the FA Office requests - do it asap!